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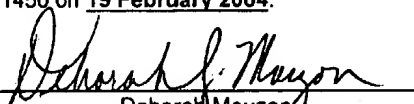
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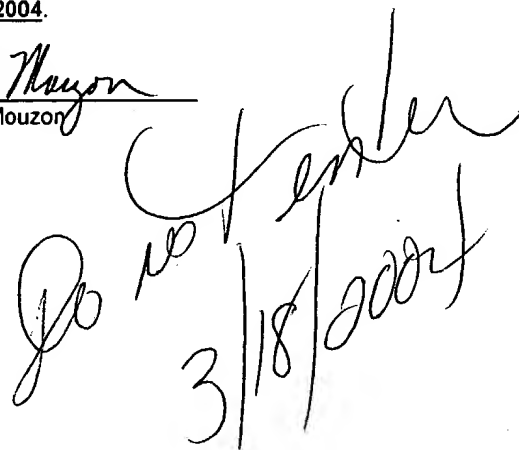
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ENTITLED: HYDROPHOBICALLY MODIFIED SOLUTION POLYMERS AND  
THEIR USE IN SURFACE PROTECTING FORMULATIONS

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Advisory Action dated 21 January 2004. In reply to that outstanding Action, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks –